

Business Studies Curriculum

Key Stage 4 – GCSE Business

GCSE qualifications in Applied Business are designed to actively engage students in the study of business and to develop them as effective and independent learners, and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds, allow students to develop and apply their business knowledge, understanding and skills to contemporary issues in a range of local, national and global contexts, enable students to appreciate the range of perspectives of different business stakeholders, enable students to consider the extent to which business activity can be ethical and sustainable.

GCSE students are required to complete two units and Double Award students are required to complete four units. • GCSE in Applied Business: Unit 1 and Unit 2

Overview of content:

Unit 1:

The unit contains three topics: • What is a business and what do businesses do? • How are businesses organised? • Why are stakeholders so important?

Overview of assessment:

This unit is internally assessed under controlled conditions. Students are required to complete an Edexcel-set task with a total of 100 marks. Students select two businesses – one local and one national/international – to research. They then answer a number of set questions based on the content of the unit in relation to these selected businesses, using their research materials, under controlled conditions of a set duration. The task is internally marked by teachers and moderated by Edexcel

Unit 2:

Overview of content:

The unit contains four topics: • Investigating the flow of financial documents used in business trading • Investigating business payment methods and costs • Investigating the nature of financial statements in business • Investigating the importance of financial statements to business

Overview of assessment:

A one-hour untiered examination marked out of 60 and suitable for all levels of students. Six structured questions, comprising a mixture of multiple-choice, short- and extended.

Lessons per week - 3

KS5 –Applied General in Business

Lessons per week - 6

Statement of purpose - Level 3 Certificate

Qualification objective

The objective of this qualification is:

- a) Preparing learners to progress to a qualification in the same subject area but at a higher level or requiring more specific knowledge, skills and understanding
- b) Meeting relevant programmes of learning
- c) Preparing learners for employment
- d) Giving learners personal growth and engagement in learning

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at 16-18 learners who are in full-time Level 3 education and who wish to progress to higher education and/or pursue a career in business and/or business-related subjects (eg management, finance, entrepreneurship). There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, but, ideally, a learner will typically have four GCSEs at grade C or above including maths and English.

This qualification provides a broad understanding of business knowledge and skills to support progress to higher education and is suitable for learning alongside other Level 3 qualifications, ie A levels and/or other Level 3 vocational qualifications (such as accounting, sociology, psychology, languages, leisure and tourism, health and social care, retail etc). This qualification can also prepare people to take up employment in business and entrepreneurship, either directly after achieving the qualification or via higher education at university or college.

Studying this qualification will enable learners to develop the fundamental knowledge and skills recognised as most important by higher education and employers. The qualification also offers learners an opportunity to develop transferrable skills, such as teamwork, research and communication as part of their applied learning.

AQA Level 3 Certificate in Applied Business

Ofqual qualification number	601/7145/5	AQA qualification number	TVQ01026
Total qualification time (TQT)	190 (GLH = 180) <i>(See TQT section for more information)</i>	Eligibility for funding	Yes
Unit weighting	33.3% each unit	Entry requirements	There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification set by AQA
Externally assessed	66.6% externally assessed		
Internally assessed	33.3% internally assessed		
Mandatory units	All units in this qualification are mandatory		
Repeat submission of learner work	Repeat submission of an internally assessed assignment (ie a corrected version of an original assignment) is permitted only where the tutor believes that the learner's work will be able to achieve the performance criteria targeted by an assignment without further guidance. The learner is not permitted any further resubmissions or retakes.		
Examination resits	Learners failing to reach the required standard or deemed to have underperformed may have the option of one resit opportunity.		
Assessment model	This qualification contains externally assessed and internally assessed units. Internally assessed units are externally moderated by AQA.	Examination sessions	January and June each year
Grading	The units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. The overall qualification is graded as P, M, D, D*. (Learners must pass each unit in order to pass the qualification)		

AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Business

Ofqual qualification number	601/7146/7	AQA qualification number	TVQ01027
Total qualification time (TQT)	380 (GLH = 360) (See TQT section for more information)	Eligibility for funding	Yes
Unit weighting Externally assessed Internally assessed	16.6% each unit 50% externally assessed 50% internally assessed	Entry requirements	There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification set by AQA
Mandatory units	This qualification has five mandatory units		
Optional units	Learners are required to achieve one optional unit from a choice of three		
Repeat submission of learner work	Repeat submission of an internally assessed assignment (ie a corrected version of an original assignment) is permitted only where the tutor believes that the learner's work will be able to achieve the performance criteria targeted by an assignment without further guidance. The learner is not permitted any further resubmissions or retakes.		
Examination resits	Learners failing to reach the required standard or deemed to have underperformed may have the option of one resit opportunity.		

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<p>Synoptic Learning and Assessment</p>		<p>This qualification is structured to support the mandatory requirement of synoptic learning and assessment.</p>	